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CENTENNIAL TOURNAMENT SET FOR EARLY JANUARY

On January 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1982 Concordia University will host the Concordia-London Life Centennial Basketball Tournament. The six-team two divisional format will see each club playing three games. The two teams with the best records will meet in the Championship final on Monday evening (January 4th) at 8 p.m..

The Tournament line-up will feature two of the top basketball teams in Canada; the St. Mary's Huskies and the St. Francis Xavier X-Men. The Huskies will come to Montreal with a 4-0 record in league play and an 8-3 mark overall. Lee Davis leads the St. Mary's attack averaging 24 pts. a game. The X-Men trail St. Mary's by $\frac{1}{2}$ a game at 3-0 with an overall record of 8 wins and 5 losses. Mark Brodie is the first half X-Man scoring leader with 27 pts. per game average.

The defending Centennial Tournament Champion, York University Yoemen also have to be considered among the Nation's top teams. Although 3-8 overall in 1981, the Yoemen have played without All-Canadian guard David Coulthard in four of the games. Coulthard leads the team in scoring averaging 20 ppg., and hopes to be in York's line-up on January 2nd.

The Brock Badgers, the Ottawa Gee-Gees and the host Concordia Stingers should provide plenty of opposition for the Tournament favorites. Brock, 9-7 to date, has lost only twice to Canadian schools, losing five others to U.S. competition. The Badgers are led by Jim Zareski's 14.5 pts. per game average.

Ottawa, 1-0 in league play and 9-5 overall returns to Concordia for the second time this season. The Gee-Gees won the Consolation game in Concordia's Tip-Off Tournament held in November. Paul Manning is high man for the Gee-Gees averaging 20 pts. per game.

The Concordia Stingers were 2-8 in their first half of play, but five of losses were to tough U.S. teams. Head Coach Daigneault hopes the experience the Stingers picked up south of the border will pay dividends after the Christmas break. He won't have to wait long to find out.

Action gets underway on Saturday, January 2nd at 5 p.m. with Ottawa taking on St. F.X.. York will face St. Mary's at 7 p.m. and the Stingers will go against Brock in the 9 p.m. game. On Sunday it's St. Mary's vs Brock at 5 p.m., Ottawa vs the Stingers at 7 p.m. and St. F.X. vs York at 9 p.m.. Monday has Ottawa meeting St. Mary's at 11 a.m., followed by York-Concordia at 1 p.m. and St. F.X. - Brock at 3 p.m.. The Championship Final is Monday evening at 3 p.m. All games will take place the the Athletic Complex, Loyola Campus, 7200 Sherbrooke Street West.

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